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Balikatan 2000 ends

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TERNATE, Republic of the Philippines — Republic of the Philippines jets and U.S. helicopters took control of the skies as Philippine and U.S. Marines attacked the beaches here February 28 in a combined/joint amphibious assault that concluded exercise Balikatan 2000.

Dozens of government officials and military leaders from both nations observed their forces in the first such exercise since 1995, which concluded an intensive week of cross training between the Marines and Sailors of both countries.

Leaders here declared the exercise a success.

"The exercise couldn't have gone any better, from the embarkation to the cross training with the Philippine Marines and the actual landing and exercise itself — absolutely superb," said Lt. Col. Brian Manthe, commanding officer, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines, 3rd Marine Division. "It was a great opportunity for the Sailors and Marines who came out to the exercise."

Likewise, Col. Teofilo V. De Los Santos Jr., exercise director, Philippine Marine Corps, expressed his hopes that this was just the beginning of future combined exercises in which the two nations can share ideas and further relations.



LANCE CPL. MICHAEL O. FOLEY

A wave of Philippine Marines pour out of an American Amphibious Assault Vehicle while conducting a combined amphibious landing on Ternate Beach in the Republic of the Philippines during Balikatan 2000.

Balikatan 2000, which means "shouldering the load together," is the 16th exercise of its kind. The series began in 1981 but was suspended in 1996 pending a Philippine/United States agreement detailing the legal status of U.S. forces temporarily present in the Republic

of the Philippines. The two nations ratified the Visiting Forces Agreement in May 1999, resuming the mutually beneficial combined training relationship

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Group CONAD on the cutting edge

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CAMP KINSER — The Consolidated Administration Office of 3rd Force Service Support Group here recently completed a Marine Corps Administrative Analysis Team inspection, setting the standard for CONADS throughout the Marine Corps.

"The average for a MCAAT inspection is 96 percent; we received a 97.69 percent," said Chief Warrant Officer-5 Curtis J. Kozlesky, officer-in-charge of CONAD. "We're one of the top [CONADS] in the Marine Corps."

Every administrative section in the Marine Corps is inspected by a MCAAT. Two 13-member teams, one on the East Coast and another on the West Coast, inspect the sections every three years.

The months before an inspection are stressful and require a lot of teamwork by the Marines.

"From September through February, the Marines worked 12 to 14 hours a day," said Kozlesky.

This inspection was particularly satisfying to not only this CONAD, but CONADS throughout the Marine Corps.

"Throughout the Marine Corps, CONADS are the wave of the future," said Lt. Col. Brett A. Miller, G-1, 3rd FSSG. "The only way [CONADS] are going to survive is by consolidating."

"A lot of naysayers said it [consolidating] wouldn't work," said Miller. "But this proves that it does work."

CONADS have only been established in the past three years with Quantico being the oldest. According to Miller, the fact that a CONAD can receive a higher

MCAAT score than an individual administration unit proves that consolidating can be efficient.

"Consolidation came about because of the reduction of administration clerks," said Master Gunnery Sgt. Jose L. Trevino, staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge, CONAD. "We [the administration field] took a reduction of approximately 1,500 admin clerks throughout the Marine Corps, and we are still losing administrative clerks. We had to consolidate our resources and implement new procedures in order for us to complete our mission. Our mission never went away, we are just doing more with less personnel."

Third Force Service Support Group lost 79 administrative billets between 1994 and 1997. The CONAD must now do the same amount of work with about half the number of Marines.

The CONAD here was formed by pulling together six separate battalion administrative sections (approximately 80), according to Staff Sgt. Carmelo Mangindin, staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the Orders Section. It took nearly three months to complete the consolidation, according to Mangindin.

To handle the mission of serving approximately 3,800 Marines, CONAD has its 84 Marines divided into nine sections: Orders, Internal Audit, Integrated Systems Control, New Joins, Customer Service, Audit/SRB, Legal, Promotion and Exercise Readiness.

In an effort to alleviate the problem of 3rd FSSG Marines being located at other camps, CONAD set up a website that allows Marines to access their Service Record Book and other administrative information.

The Integrated Systems Control compiled a database

of information on the site. Each battalion assigns specific Marines to have access to this information.

"We are the only one [CONAD] in the Marine Corps that has a website like this," said Cpl. Rene Garcia, non-commissioned officer-in-charge of ISC.

"It's a great advantage for first sergeants and career planners," said Garcia. "Every Marine in 3rd FSSG is in the database."

For example, if a Marine needs to compute his composite score for promotion, the battalion administrative representative can retrieve the information from the website to calculate the score.

The information is downloaded directly from Headquarters Marine Corps, so the Marines of CONAD do not have to enter the data themselves.

"We taught ourselves everything and are still finding better ways," said Garcia.

The other sections rely on hard work, teamwork and strong leadership to provide the Marines of 3rd FSSG with reliable administrative support.

The first section a Marine will see when walking into CONAD is the Customer Service Section.

Usually filled with the sounds of phones ringing and the tap-tap-tap of keyboards, the job of the Customer Service Section is to take care of the daily problems such as pay and getting information entered into SRBs.

"We do everything, we are the first line of defense," said Warrant Officer Kenneth Honeywood, officer-in-charge of the section.

Honeywood and his 24 Marines' mission is to pro-

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Sergeants Course implements changes

Lance Cpl. Chad C. Adams

Combat Correspondent

CAMP HANSEN — The Sergeants Course implemented changes to its curriculum here recently in an effort to reduce overlap between resident and nonresident education and to provide sergeants with the proper training to lead the Marine Corps into the future.

“We need to make the [noncommissioned officer] Corps more productive to make them an asset with any unit they happened to be stationed with,” said Gunnery Sgt. Robert Hightower Jr., staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge, Sergeants Course, Marine Corps Base.

“The sergeants are the future of the Marine Corps.”

The course has been extended from six to seven weeks.

The changes are part of a new program of instruction for the Sergeants, Career

and Advanced Courses, the new program uses a new “building block” theory in which each Professional Military Education course builds upon the previous one, rather than reiterating the same information.

“All these courses were revised across the board,” Hightower said.

Because of the changes, instructors are able to spend more time on close order drill and using the guidon in platoon formations.

“It makes them more knowledgeable,” Hightower said, referring to the more extensive focus on drill. “They can go back and be the duty expert for drill because of what they have learned here over the past seven weeks.”

In addition, the course now has a more extensive writing package, where Marines develop their own philosophies on leadership, drawing from their personal experiences with good and bad leadership.

“I think it makes them a better leader,” Hightower said. “You have to be a good writer to be a good leader. It enhances their writing skills.”

To improve the quality of small unit leaders, Marine war-fighting skills are addressed more in the revamped course. Sergeants fire crew-served weapons such as the M-2 .50-caliber machine gun and the MK-19 40 mm machine gun. Classes on day and night land navigation, offensive and defensive strategies and troop-movement have also been increased.

“They get an opportunity to work on all of those facets of the Marine Corps that they don’t get in their daily jobs,” Hightower said. “It increases their awareness.”

In addition to improving a sergeant’s proficiency in the Marine Corps, the course also provides instruction that can improve the quality of a Marine’s life.

Instructors now give classes on financial planning, budgeting and investing.

“There is always life after the Marine Corps,” Hightower said. “You have got to learn to budget and save your money for retirement.”

Ultimately, improving the courses across the board shows the commitment the Marine Corps is making, according to Hightower.

“It sends a message that the Marine Corps cares about its future,” Hightower said.

However, for some, the changes can be seen more clearly by watching the faces of the sergeants participating in the course.

“When you can see that light turn on in their head, you can tell they have been taught something,” Hightower said.

Class 3-2000, the first class of sergeants to go through the revised course graduated here March 15.

Voters can get help overseas

Sgt. Jennifer A. Wolf

Combat Correspondent

CAMP FOSTER — As the presidential candidates continue to blaze trails toward the 2000 elections, time for registering to vote is steadily ebbing away. While it may feel like there are millions of miles of ocean separating Okinawa from the United States, American citizens can still participate in the democratic process.

The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act allows absent uniformed servicemembers and overseas voters use of the absentee registration process and to vote by absentee ballot in general, special, primary and run-off elections for Federal office.

The act also permits overseas voters to use federal write-in ballots in elections for federal office.

Many states and territories have also developed legislation which allows individuals covered by the UOCAVA to register and vote absentee in state and local elections.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program is the entity responsible for the administration of the UOCAVA.

The program was established to inform and educate United States citizens of their right to vote; encourage voting participation; and protect the integrity of, and enhance the electoral process at the federal, state and local levels, according to the FVAP’s Voting Assistance Guide.

Military servicemembers, merchant marines and their family members, citizens employed by the federal government living outside of the U.S. and all other private citizens residing abroad are covered by the UOCAVA.

The FVAP provides information and materials to U.S. citizens living abroad to help ensure their right to vote and promote understanding of and participation in the democratic process.

Program activities include the development of the Federal Post card Application, a universal registration application accepted by all 55 U.S. states and territories, production and worldwide distribution of print, broadcast and electronic voter information and services, and development and maintenance of a working relationship with the U.S. states and territories and other federal government agencies to simplify absentee registration and

voting procedures.

The UOCAVA requires each federal department and agency with personnel who fall under the act to have a voting assistance program.

The FVAP also acts on behalf of the Secretary of Defense to administer the Federal responsibilities of the National Voter Registration Act, which designates armed forces recruiting offices, nationwide, as voter registration agencies. This allows eligible U.S. citizens to apply for voter registration or apply to change voter registration data at 6,000 Armed Forces Recruitment Offices, according to the FVAP website.

The FVAP provides assistance to more than 190 million U.S. citizens of voting age. This includes 70,000 military Voting Assistance Officers worldwide, more than 250 embassy and consulate VAOs, hundreds of state officials, 13,000 local government officials hundreds of representatives of worldwide corporations and organizations, servicemembers at 6,000 Armed Forces Recruiting Offices and all citizens eligible to apply for voter registration, or change voter registration data at Armed Forces Recruitment Offices, according to information provided by the FVAP.

“It’s very simple. You go to your voting officers and they have the applications,” said 1st Lt. Rhonda C. Martin, battalion adjutant/voting officer, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base.

Simply fill out and mail the Federal Post Card Application Form (SF-76). State election officials approve registration requests or ask for more information. Then the local election official mails the absentee ballot to the requestor.

Finally applicants vote and mail the absentee ballot back to their local election official in time to meet state deadlines.

Local election officials must be kept informed of address changes if the applicants want to receive their ballot in time.

For those registering to vote while overseas, it is best to submit application cards 60-90 days prior to the absentee deadline in order to receive the absentee ballot in time to vote, according to Martin.

For more information contact your unit’s Voting Assistance Officer or FVAP’s website at www.fvap.ncr.gov.

Spouses’ Clubs help community

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Combat Correspondent

CAMP FOSTER — Marine spouses are doing their part to help the community by selling items and products to raise money for Americans, Okinawans and Ryukyu Islands charities.

The Marine spouses’ clubs provide military members with a wide selection of products from all over the world.

The Marine Gift Shop is staffed by volunteers from the Marine Officers Spouses’ Club, while enlisted spouses give their time at the Marine Enlisted Spouses’ Club Thrift Shop, also located here.

Because most of the things for sale at the shops are fairly priced, the clubs are able to make a large amount of money. Virtually all of those funds go to various charities.

“Last year we made about \$180,000 that went toward different charities,” said Theresa A. White Bear, store manager, Marine Gift shop.

Money made at the gift shops is tallied and documented. It is then controlled and distributed by the American Women’s Welfare Association.

With funds distributed by the AWWA, American and Japanese charities such as Boy Scouts West Pacific, Kubasaki High School wrestling and basketball teams, Miyoshi Day Care Center and the Amerasian School all received funding or support.

In order to support the military and local communities, both organizations depend on volunteers.

“We need volunteers to come in and help us,” said Katie Overton, honorary president, MESC. “We’re a nonprofit organization.”

The Marine spouses’ clubs on Okinawa are doing their part and are continuing a reputation of not only providing products from all over the Pacific in their stores, but providing monetary support for various charities throughout the Ryukyu Islands.



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Unit helps Marines deter corrosion

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CAMPFOSTER — In an effort to reduce corrosion on more than 6,800 pieces of III Marine Expeditionary Force equipment, the Field Support Maintenance Analysis Office-3 here is educating Marines on how to deter it.

Marines from the five major commands, in a joint effort with Marines from FSMAO-3, oversaw the evaluations, which began Oct. 1999.

The evaluators ensured the equipment was rated the same throughout III MEF. Marines from each command physically inspect each vehicle, each piece of ordnance, communications equipment, engineering gear and any other gear with metallic components on its exterior that is regularly exposed to the elements. They are checked for rust and other wear.

After inspection, the equipment is given a corrosion rating between 1-5, one being the best and five being the worst.

“Our Marines are just making sure everything is standardized across the board,” said Capt. Chris J. Ambbs, maintenance analyst officer, FSMAO-3. “This is something that has never been done before.”

The Marines from FSMAO-3 also ar-

anged a database to list all the gear and its condition. Corrosion program appendixes and a database will be compiled and sent to III MEF.

In addition, pictures of badly corroded gear and well-maintained gear will be sent as references.

Working directly for Headquarters Marine Corps, the FSMAO-3 team volunteered to assist III MEF with the evaluation of their gear, according to Ambbs. Teams began examining I and II MEF in October, when it was decided that FSMAO-3 and III MEF would conduct their own evaluation.

“This is not a directed inspection by some outside agency,” said Lt. Col. John W. Chandler, officer-in-charge, FSMAO-3. “This is III MEF helping itself assess where it’s at on corrosion control, so they can set up a well organized attack.”

“We’re not out inspecting anybody,”

Ambbs said. “This is just an effort by FSMAO-3 in conjunction with III MEF units to get a corrosion control program in place for III MEF.”

The program will also help III MEF determine where the money and help for corrosion control is needed most, according to Chandler. There are several avenues where money could be placed, whether on paint, sheet metal or more repairs. This program will help them determine which avenue is more productive toward the goal of reducing corrosion.

“We are not the finished product for corrosion control,” Chandler said. “We are simply going to describe and identify the problems, so [III MEF] can begin their attack on corrosion. It’s going to be a very coordinated attack, like a MEF should attack anything.”

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Lt. Col. John W. Chandler
FSMAO-3

New River Squadron first to deploy with Osprey

Cpl. Derek Shoemake

Combat Correspondent

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION NEW RIVER, N.C. — When Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-264 deploys with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit in July, it will mark the beginning of the end of the CH-46E Sea Knight and the CH-53D Super Stallion helicopters.

Only months after returning from the Mediterranean Sea, the Black Knights will begin steps to become the first non-training squadron in the world to employ the use of the Marine Corps’ new MV-22 Osprey, which will replace the Corps’ fleet of ‘46Es and ‘53Ds.

Maj. Jeffrey Mosher, who is responsible for overseeing his squadron’s transition to the Osprey, said if everything runs on schedule, it will be just over three years until the squadron deploys with the new aircraft. Though that time line may sound expanded, Mosher points out it is actually quite compressed.

The process will begin in January 2001, with the enlisted transition plan. During this evolution, enlisted personnel, such as crew chiefs and mechanics, will take classes at New River’s Marine Medium Tilt Rotor Training Squadron-204, while getting hands-on experience with the Osprey, according to Mosher.

Marine Medium Tilt Rotor Training Squadron 204 will also host the pilot transition process, which is scheduled to begin in March 2001.

Like the enlisted transition plan, classes will be staggered to keep a certain number of people working in the squadron while others train.

Mosher said if the transition begins as scheduled, all VMMT-204 training will wrap up January 2002. However, the overall transition will not be over.

“Take a guy like me,” said Mosher. “I



OFFICIAL PHOTO

An MV-22 Osprey airlifts a High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle.

have 3,400 flight hours, but when I get through with ‘204, I’ll only be a co-pilot.”

When the aircrew return from VMMT-204, the squadron will be joined by the Advanced Tilt Rotor Training Unit. This is a cadre of pilots and crewmen with extensive Osprey experience.

The training unit will work with the Marines of HMM-264, who will be renamed Marine Medium Tilt Rotor Squadron-264, until the pilots and crewmen are combat qualified.

“Look at it as a step approach,” said Mosher. “When we get back from ‘204 we’ll be only 100-level complete, which means we’ll be only combat capable. With (the Advanced Tilt Rotor Training Unit) we’ll get to the 200 or 300 level, which means we will become combat qualified.”

This, according to Mosher, is where the

real time crunch comes into play. Only nine months after returning from VMMT-204, VMM-264 pilots and crewmen will join a Marine Expeditionary Unit. Six months afterward, they are scheduled to depart with that MEU. This will be the first Osprey squadron deployment.

Though the time line may be tight, Marines who now work with the CH-46E and CH-53D said they are ready for the challenge.

“I think Marines understand that we have to keep moving forward,” said Staff Sgt. James MacFarlane, CH-46 flight line chief. “In the world we live in, we all have to be adaptable to change. If there’s one constant in the Marine Corps, it’s change.”

That change has some major advantages.

According to Bell Helicopter Textron

The analyst planned to have the evaluation completed by early March, according to Ambbs. The FSMAO-3 Marines will be writing appendixes to the standard operating procedures. For example on Okinawa, it is recommended that a fresh water rinse be giving to equipment every five days if not in use and everyday when being used.

“They’re trying to make a simple road map for an operator to follow to best take care of his gear,” Ambbs said. “The products are out there. Another step in what we are doing with this is, we are trying to educate Marines in III MEF on things that are available to help them in their fight against corrosion.”

There are many available products for Marines to use against corrosion, according to Ambbs, but he insists that the individual units use what is working best for them. Some products may work better on different pieces of gear and some products are cheaper.

No matter what products are used the struggle against corrosion will not be won unless Marines work together to spread ideas and information for others to use.

Units wanting to request on-site training for corrosion control can contact FSMAO-3 at 645-7262.

and the Boeing Company, who jointly produced the MV-22 Osprey, with its tilt rotor mechanics, the twin-turbine aircraft can take off and land like a helicopter, and fly as fast as a turboprop plane. Within 20 seconds of take-off, the 38-foot rotor systems can rotate 90 degrees forward, putting the aircraft into a fixed-wing mode capable of a cruising speed in excess of 240 knots.

“When I talk to guys who fly the aircraft, they say it’s almost indescribable,” said Mosher, who has flown the Osprey in flight simulators.

According to Bell and Boeing, speed is not the only advantage of the Osprey. The aircraft has a payload capable of transporting 24 combat-loaded troops or carrying more than 10,000 pounds externally. The Osprey can also travel 2,100 nautical miles with only one aerial refuel. Mosher said this makes the aircraft better in a combat situation.

“When we plan a combat mission with a ‘46E, we’re inside of 60 to 75 nautical mile radius,” he said. “But with the V-22, we can operate inside of an approximate 250 nautical mile radius with twice the payload. This extends what we can do from sea.

“Just look at (deploying to the Combined Arms Exercise at Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif.) If you want to take the ‘46Es, you need C-130s for equipment transport and a few days to get there. The V-22s, which are self deployable, are there in nine hours.”

Mosher said the greatest advantages may not even be known yet.

“I don’t think we have begun to realize the possibilities,” he said. “This is going to change doctrines. This is going to lead the way.”

The Marine Corps plans to have all 22 active duty CH-46E and CH-53D helicopter squadrons using the Osprey by 2015.

Courts-martial REPORT III MEF/MCBJ

• A lance corporal assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines, 3rd Marine Division, was sentenced to forfeiture of \$600 pay for one month and confinement for 30 days following a conviction at a special court-martial of one specification of Article 81, conspiracy to assault; two specifications of Article 128, unlawful striking; and two specifications of disorderly conduct.

• A lance corporal assigned to Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, was sentenced to forfeiture of \$600 pay for one month and 30 days hard labor without confinement following a conviction at a special court-martial of one specification of Article 128, assault; one specification of Article 134, disorderly conduct; and one specification of Article 91, disrespect to a noncommissioned officer.

Alcohol-related NJPs III MEF/MCBJ

The *Okinawa Marine*, in accordance with the III MEF/MCBJ Liberty Campaign Plan, publishes the following alcohol-related nonjudicial punishments for March 5-10.

- DUI
- A sergeant with 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of driving while under the influence. Punishment: reduction to E-4, forfeiture of \$778 pay for two months.
- Underage drinking
- A lance corporal with 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines, 3rd MarDiv, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of underage drinking and disrespect to a staff noncommissioned officer. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$563 pay for two months and restriction for 60 days.
- Underage drinking
- A lance corporal with 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines, 3rd MarDiv., was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$563 pay for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.
- Underage drinking
- A lance corporal with 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines, 3rd MarDiv., was found guilty at a battery-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of \$273 pay for one month, and restriction and extra duties for 14 days.
- Failure to obey an order
- A private first class with Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, was found guilty at a group-level NJP of unauthorized absence, failure to obey an order and drunkenness. Punishment: reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$536 pay for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

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vide timely, responsive and courteous support to every Marine who walks in the door.

“We are here for the Marine,” said Honeywood.

Working beside the Customer Service Section is the Promotion Section.

“We do all of 3rd FSSG’s promotions from private first class to sergeant,” said Cpl. Herbe Rapataperez, non-commissioned officer-in-charge of the section. All other promotions are handled by Headquarters Marine Corps.

The section maintains composite scores, files promotions and handles remedial promotions. According to Rapataperez, a big problem with remedial promotions is that Marines don’t complete the required annual training such as the rifle range. Then they have the whole process of going through their Company Office and CONAD to get scores entered. Individual Marines can help themselves by ensuring that their current scores for the rifle range, Physical Fitness Test and etc. are entered in the system.

Excelling during the MCAAT was the Audit/SRB Section.

This section is responsible for knowing the location of a Marine’s SRB at all time.

“We put in more than 6,000 man-hours preparing for the MCAAT,” said Staff Sgt. Thomas Nibert, staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the section.

“A Marine is required to do an audit every three years, and we go all the way back to boot camp looking for pay problems,” said Nibert. Out of 251 records checked, there were only \$1,800 in mispayments.

“We did great and we cleared the path for other sections,” Nibert said.

Every week, approximately 30 to 85 Marines check

into the Joint Reception Center waiting to be assigned to 3rd FSSG. Those Marines are the responsibility of the New Joins Section.

“We go to JRC to process travel claims, screen SRBs and issue meal cards,” said Sgt. Phillip Moss, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the section.

“We work long hours all the time so the MCAAT was no big deal, but I’m proud of our score,” said Moss.

To fix internal problems, CONAD established an Internal Audit Section.

Six Marines sit in a small office and analyze every section of CONAD. When a Unit Diary entry is sent to Headquarters Marine Corps with an error, the Internal Audit Section receives a feedback stating what the error was. The section then sends the entry to the proper section for corrections.

“A section has five days to correct the mistake,” said Sgt. James Filyac, noncommissioned officer-in-charge.

The section also receives an Inconsistency Report every 30 days from Headquarters Marine Corps.

“If a Marine is getting Cost of Living Allowance for three dependents, but he only has two dependents, it will show up on an ICR,” said Filyac.

Despite receiving a high score for the MCAAT Inspection, the Marines of CONAD remain humble about their achievements.

“We did well, but we could have done better,” said Sgt. Alaric Jackson, legal clerk, 3rd FSSG CONAD. “You can never be satisfied.”

“The most challenging part of the MCAAT was motivating and inspiring 84 Marines toward a common goal,” said Trevino. “Marines want to be challenged, and they will go forth.”

“Any CONAD can get this high of a score if they have Marines willing to work 14 hours a day and have strong leadership, like we do here,” said Miller.

- Failure to obey an order

A Private with MEF Headquarters Group, III MEF, was found guilty at a group-level NJP of failure to obey an order and making a false official statement. Punishment: forfeiture of \$502 pay for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

Community Briefs

Caribbean Heritage Association hosts dance

The Caribbean Heritage Association will be hosting a dance at the Coral Cove Club on Torii Station from 9 p.m.-3 a.m. March 18.

Come out and enjoy yourselves to the sounds of “Love Injection,” playing dance hall, calypso, and soca. Free food for all with Curry Chicken as the main entree. There will be a door prizes, jump-up music, a limbo contest, and lots of island fun. For more information call 633-7402/646-4938 or e-mail cha_oki31@hotmail.com

Woman of the Year awards nominations

Nominations for Woman of the Year are open to Marine and Navy active duty servicemembers, and AF/NAF/IHA/MLC employees.

Supervisors are encouraged to nominate the outstanding woman in their unit or department who meet the following criteria:

At the time of nomination, the nominees must have been a federal employee or military member for at least 12 months and service in III MEF or MCBJ organizations; Accomplishments must have occurred during Feb 1, 1999 - Feb 1, 2000; Duty performance must be outstanding.

For more information call Jan Lovell at 645-2024.

Marine Corps University to begin new AWS Phase I seminars

Marine Corps university/College of Continuing Edu-

cation announces the start of two new AWS Phase I (8500) seminars.

These seminars will meet once a week for approximately four months beginning the week of May 1.

For more information please call Mr. Hopkins or Mrs. Eisenmann at 645-2230 or e-mail hopkins@mcbbutler.usmc.mil.

DoDDS sponsors Spring College Fair and need more alumni

Department of Defense Dependent Schools Okinawa announces the “Spring College Fair” for school year 1999-2000. The “Spring College Fair” will be held April 5 at Kubasaki High School’s Information Center and Cafeteria 7-9 p.m.

All college graduates interested in representing their alma mater or individuals needing more information should contact the Kubasaki High School Guidance Office at 645-6888.

LSSS Tax Center is open

The Legal Service Support Section Tax Center is now open. The tax center is located in Building 442, Camp Foster, across from Gunner’s Gym.

The hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for walk-ins and appointments. For more information call 645-1TAX.

Academic scholarships

The Marine Officers Spouses’ Club is sponsoring an Academic Merit Scholarship drive.

Deadline to submit applications is April 22. For more information contact Mary Anderson at 646-5471.

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Lent: A time to reflect on the symbols of your faith

The Christian world will begin a holy season of forty days. We call it "Lent." Many Christians mark the beginning of Lent on a Wednesday. We call this day "Ash Wednesday." As a sign to ourselves and others, ashes are placed on our foreheads. Ashes are the remains of burnt palm branches from last years Palm Sunday celebrations, the week before Easter Sunday.

Ashes on their own have very little value. What they represent has infinite value; conversion, faith and love of God are only a few of the meanings represented by ashes for the believer.

In the movie "Fright Night" there is a powerful example of the need for faith behind the symbols Christians use to express their faith.

This film is about vampires. A group of young people notice an unusual group of people have moved into their neighborhood. They look into the old, unpainted and boarded up mansion and see vampires. They seek help

to rid their block of this evil presence.

They find a vampire hunter, played by the late actor Roddy McDowell. He is not up to the challenge and lacks courage and faith to resist the vampires. He is not too convinced he will even find vampires in this home, but goes with his bag of tricks. He brings a wooden stake and other means to defeat the vampires. He enters the house and becomes more and more nervous. He grows frightened and makes his way up the main staircase of the home. He goes halfway up and is shocked to be confronted by an actual vampire. Fangs showing, the leader of the vampires makes his way down the stairs. Roddy McDowell is frightened and not the heroic vampire chaser he was reported to be. He reaches into his bag and pulls out a cross and holds it up, "Back down" he yells, but the vampire smiles and begins to laugh. "You have to have faith for that to work!" The vampire takes his hand with the cross and crushes it. Roddy McDowell

runs out of the house. As the film progresses, the vampire hunter regains his courage and faith to go and defeat this evil figure. He returns and this time when he holds up the cross, the vampire backs down and the fight ensues. The vampire is defeated and the home is rid of this evil presence.

Lent is a time for us to step back and ask what does the symbols of faith that many Christians wear, carry or display in their homes represent? They represent faith in God. Let us use the forty days of Lent to pray a little bit more, to fast or make sacrifices for others out of love for God and the gift of His Son Jesus Christ. We are not confronting vampires during this season but temptation, sin and evil. With God's Grace we can overcome them all! How?, because we have faith!

Navy Lt. Robert J. Coyle
Chaplain, Combat Assault Battalion

Lent services

Camp Foster Chapel 645-7486		Apr 28	Vespers of the Descent from the Cross 3 p.m. Lamentations and Procession of the	MCAS Futenma Chapel 636-3058	Service 7 p.m.
ROMAN CATHOLIC					Camp Hansen Chapel East Chapel 623-4519
Wednesdays of Lent—Stations of the Cross & Lenten Soup Supper 6 p.m.		Apr 29	Tomb of Christ (Epitaphios) 7 p.m. Divine Lurgy St. Basil 10 p.m. Resurrection Service 11:30 p.m. Orthros & Divine Liturgy midnight	ROMAN CATHOLIC	ROMAN CATHOLIC
Sacrament of Reconciliation Wednesdays 5-5:45 p.m.		Apr 30	Vespers of Love/Picnic noon	Apr 16	Apr 16
Saturdays 4-4:45 p.m.				Apr 20	Palm Sunday 10 a.m.
Apr 15		GOSPEL		Apr 21	Confessions 7 p.m.
Apr 16		Apr 16	Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday 11:30 a.m.	Apr 22	Apr 20
a.m.		Apr 22	Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m.	Apr 23	Thursdays Mass 7 p.m.
Apr 20		Apr 23	Easter Sunday 11:30 a.m.		Good Friday
Apr 21		PROTESTANT		Camp Courtney Chapel 622-9350	Stations of the Cross 3 p.m.
Holy Thursday 7 p.m.		Apr 23	Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m.		Adoration of the Cross 7 p.m.
Good Friday				ROMAN CATHOLIC	Apr 22
Stations of the Cross 3 p.m.				Apr 16	Easter Vigil Mass 7:30 p.m.
Meditation/Talk 4:30 p.m.				Apr 20	Apr 23
Celebration of the Lord's				Apr 21	Easter Sunday Mass 10 a.m.
Passion 6 p.m.				Apr 22	
Soup Supper 7 p.m.				Apr 23	
Apr 22					
Apr 23					
Easter Sunday ... 7:15 a.m., 10 a.m.					
Easter Egg Hunt After 10 a.m.					
Mass					
GREEK/RUSSIAN ORTHODOX					
Apr 13					
Apr 14					
Apr 22					
Lazaros					
Community Clean up 10 p.m.					
Apr 23					
of					
St. George 9:30 a.m.					
Bridegroom Service 7 p.m.					
Apr 24					
p.m.					
Apr 25					
Compline/Bridegroom Service					
Hymn of Kassiani 7 p.m.					
Apr 26					
Presanctified Liturgy Sacrament of					
Holy Oil 7 p.m.					
Apr 27					
Divine Liturgy of St.Basil .. 11 a.m.					
Service of Passion and Crucifixion/					
The Gospel Readings 7 p.m.					

STREET TALK



1st Lt. Gerard Gaje, Btry. A, 3/12

"Even with restrictions on training, Marines are still able to train effectively."



Lance Cpl. William B Taylor, Btry. A, 3/12

"You get trained without the sense of home."



Cpl. Warren J. Pennington, Btry. A, 3/12

"The JWTC is some of the best training you can get."



Staff Sgt. William I. Gaddy, Btry. A, 3/12

"What do you think of the Okinawa training environment?"

Camp Schwab Chapel
625-2644/2650

ROMAN CATHOLIC
Apr 23

Palm Sunday 8 a.m.

"Okinawa provides a good opportunity to train in various environments for any situation that may arise in this region of the world."



STAFF SGT. MICHAEL T. MINK

A Marine from Marine Wing Support Squadron-172, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing waits for aggressors while in a security patrol during Beachcrest 2000.

Beachcrest 2000 concludes

Staff Sgt. Michael T. Mink

Combat Correspondent

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA — More than 3,500 servicemembers from 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, 3rd Marine Division, 3rd Force Service Support Group, U.S. Air Force’s 18th Wing and the U.S. Navy’s 7th Fleet trained together on Okinawa and Ie Shima during Beachcrest 2000.

The multi-service exercise, which concluded March 9, included air combat, air control, and air-ground combat support

training in designated training areas, sea space and approved airspace on Okinawa and Ie Shima.

“I think Beachcrest 2000 was a huge success, especially speaking from the perspective of the amount of learning and the wide variety of training objectives accomplished by the 18 participating units,” said Col. Bradley E. Turner, commanding officer, Marine Air Control Group-18. “We are a much more combat ready unit today, than just three weeks ago.”

The purpose of the exercise was to plan, coordinate and execute the functions

of Marine Air-Ground Task Force Operation.

In addition, Beachcrest integrated the Marine Air Command and Control System with joint command and control capabilities and assets.

“Although I am very pleased with the amount and quality of training accomplished, we can always find ways to make the exercise better,” said Turner. “We have already conducted the first of a series of reviews of Beachcrest and have started a list of improvements for next year’s exercise.”



(above) A Marine from Marine Wing Support Squadron-172, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing carries out a fellow Marine during Beachcrest 2000.

(right) Cpl. William B. Gough, squad leader, 3rd Marine Division, radio operator during Beachcrest 2000.



STAFF SGT. MICHAEL T. MINK



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(above) A security patrol from Marine Wing Support Squadron-172, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, lays down suppressing fire against Marines from Company C, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Division during Beachcrest 2000.

(left) Cpl. Chris G. Spriggs, crewchief, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-265, looks out the window of a CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter while flying over Ie Shima during Beachcrest 2000.

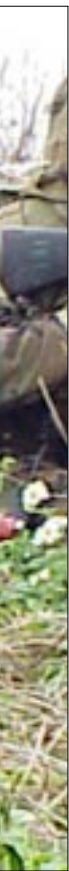


STAFF SGT. MICHAEL T. MINK
Support Squadron-172, 1st Marine Aircraft
mock raid on Ie Shima during Beachcrest

leader, Company C, 1st Battalion, 3rd
s for a ride out of the training area



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Support Squadron-172, 1st Marine Aircraft
mock raid on Ie Shima during Beachcrest



PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS ROMMEL IRAL

Marines from 1st Stinger Battery, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, sight in on AH-1W Super Cobra helicopters during Beachcrest 2000.

U.S. Marines, Sailors work with Filipino counterparts

Sgt. Pauline L. Franklin

Combat Correspondent

TERNATE, Republic of the Philippines — Approximately 450 U.S. Marines and Sailors from Okinawa, Japan, spent a week here cross training with their Filipino counterparts and learning about each other, during Balikatan 2000.

The combined/joint exercise brought Philippine and U.S. Marines and Sailors together in Professional Military Education classes on topics such as tactics and procedures for calling for fire, and familiarization firing with various eapons, including mortars and machine guns.

In addition to the Filipinos receiving weapons training, United States Navy doctors and corpsmen taught their Filipino counterparts about the latest medical techniques..

“The doctors here were amazed with the equipment we have,” said U.S. Lt. j.g. Elizabeth N. Colina, officer-in-charge of medical personnel with Combat Service Support Detachment-35, 3rd Force Service Support Group. “Their medical knowledge is behind.”

Most doctors here do not have access to the technology available to doctors in the United States, and information that is considered common knowledge by medical professionals in the Unites States is still unknown to many Filipino doctors and medics, according to Colina.

For example, U.S. hospitalmen gave a



SGT. PAULINE L. FRANKLIN

Amphibious Assault Vehicle Platoon, Combat Assault Battalion, take Philippine Marines out to see what it is like in an AAV.

class to their counterparts on how to stitch open wounds. While this procedure is common for U.S. corpsmen because of its necessity on the battlefield, the procedure is most often reserved for Filipino doctors. Filipino medics, are primarily combatives on the battlefield and provide only basic medical assistance as a secondary skill, according to Petty Officer 1st Class Joe M. Palmares, leading petty officer of the regimental aid station, 4th Marines.

While the Sailors were working on medical techniques, the Marines were

giving classes how they operate.

“The training was excellent,” said weapons instructor Cpl. Judd D. Ferguson, Company B, 1/3. “The Philippine Marines are eager to learn about our equipment and how we do things. They conduct business a lot like we do, so training together is very easy.”

The Philippine Marines taught U.S. Marines here a great deal by sharing their combat experience. Unlike their United States brothers, Marines in the Philippines are often involved with jungle warfare against opposing forces within the Phil-

ippines.

“The training is a good experience for both our services,” said Philippine Marine 2nd Lt. Angelo M. Antonio, platoon commander, 1st Marine Ready Reserve Platoon, 4th Marine Brigade Reserve. “We are learning a lot about [U.S.] equipment, and we are teaching [U.S.] Marines with our experience in combat. [Active duty] Marines here may encounter opposing forces in small conflicts as often as two or three times each month.”

In addition to the military training each day, the Marines and Sailors also enjoyed the opportunity to get to know each other personally. They spent time in the evenings learning about each other and telling stories about their experiences.

“We’ve traded addresses and personal uniform items,” said 1st Lt. Trent M. Marecz, platoon commander, Amphibious Assault Vehicle Platoon, Combat Assault Battalion. “I think we did Balikatan the way it should be: we made friends and we trained together.”

“We were fortunate because we had time to interact with our counterparts a lot,” said Philippine Marine 1st Lt. Ivan R. Papera, commanding officer, 73rd Light Armored Vehicle Company, Combat and Service Support Brigade. “All Marines are one big family; Philippine Marines and U.S. Marines are like brothers. [The AAV Platoon] treated us like family, just because we are Marines.”

Support element ensures success at Balikatan 2000

Sgt. Pauline L. Franklin

Combat Correspondent

TERNATE, Republic of the Philippines — Going to the field can be uncomfortable at best in humid climates where temperatures reach 90 degrees or higher and mosquitoes the size of small birds control the skies. However, going to the field was easier for Marines and Sailors from Okinawa, Japan, who came here recently for exercise Balikatan 2000.

Combat Service Support Detachment-35, 3rd Force Service Support Group, made life in the field better for more than 450 Marines and Sailors throughout the duration of the combined/joint exercise.

“If you look at CSSD, they were incredibly young and they built a camp from scratch,” said Maj. Christian G. Cabaniss, operations officer, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines, “They put up tents, showers, power, and all that stuff, and everything ran exceptionally smoothly. It ran smoother in Ternate than it does at [Marine Expeditionary Camp Pohang] in Korea, which is a permanent camp with permanent [personnel]. They did really well.”

The detachment had a dual mission during the exercise, according to 2nd Lt. Lauren S. Edwards, commanding officer, CSSD-35. The unit had 83 persons spread all over the country to provide combat support to Marine Air-Ground Task Force-4 here during its training with the Philippine Marines. In addition, they help support the U.S. Army with Marines at three other locations in the region. However, the great majority of work went into the base camp here.

When the main body landed, the area already looked like a fully-functional tent city. The advance party had set up a majority of the General Purpose tents. Necessities such as electricity, potable water, vehicles, landing support and maintenance crews were already available.

The unit also set up Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Units and operated field showers for several days.

The unit’s responsibility included support with fuel, a supply section, hazardous materials, communications

within the camp, a medical and dental Battalion Aid Station, combat engineers, ordnance disposal, coordination with the mess section for food, and an ammunitions supply point.

“Our job is combat support,” said Lance Cpl. Amy B. Burns, an electrical equipment repair specialist with CSSD-35. “A lot of people don’t know what we do. They don’t realize we are the ones providing things like water and electricity. We do a lot out here that makes other people’s jobs go more smoothly.”

The hard work this small group of Marines and Sailors put into their jobs paid off during the exercise.

“If it wasn’t for these comforts, we would be pulling our hair out,” said Cpl. Lance C. Webb, a forward observer with Weapons Company, 1/3. “The more they provide for us, the easier it makes our job. It all allows us to focus on our mission.”

Some of the infantry Marines took the opportunity to learn more about combat service support elements like CSSD-35 by talking to the Marines and Sailors in the unit.

“I really learned what CSSD does here; they are responsible for everything we need to do our jobs,” said Pvt. Jeff T. Hester, a rifleman with Company A, 1/3. “Usually, my staff noncommissioned officer is running around trying to get everything set for us, but here it has all been taken care of.”

Military leaders and government officials may have been impressed by the amphibious landing that ended the week-long exercise, but it seemed to be the Marines and Sailors of CSSD-35 working diligently in the background that directly influenced the success of the operation, while taking care of Marines at the same time. Edwards said she was extremely pleased with the efforts of her Marines and Sailors and that she didn’t think there was much of anything they couldn’t do.

“Our job is to ensure the infantry has what it needs to fight the battles and win the war,” said Edwards. “Sometimes the Combat Service Support Element is underestimated. There are so many things we can do. With the proper coordination, this group of people can move mountains.”



SGT. PAULINE L. FRANKLIN

Lance Cpls. Zach Kopasz and Richard J. Russell, both hygiene equipment operators with Combat Service Support Detachment-35, prime the pump used to take water into the Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Units during Balikatan 2000. The purification system was part of the fully-functioning tent city set up by the advanced party.

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the exercise fosters.

More than 2,000 U.S. servicemembers worked with their Filipino counterparts in cross training, humanitarian and civic assistance efforts throughout the cities of Luzon and Palawan. Marines and Sailors from Okinawa, Japan, supported the exercise with 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines, 5th Force Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division; Combat Service Support Detachment-35, Marine Air-Ground Task Force-4; 4th Marines headquarters; and Combat Assault Battalion.

The amphibious landing may have been the high point of the exercise, but U.S. servicemembers here said the whole experience has opened their eyes a great deal.

After months of Professional Military Education classes, preparing periods of instruction for the cross training classes, and planning the landing, the Marines said they learned more about amphibious operations and teamwork.

"We don't usually get the chance to do amphibious landings from ship to shore, and we usually practice with platoon-size units, so this was different," said Lance Cpl. David J. Searight, logistics clerk, Headquarters and Service Company, 1/3. "This exercise gave me the chance to see how all the different sections work together."

"It was great to see how every Marine's job is important and how everything is a team effort," said Lance Cpl. Richard J. Russell, a hygiene equipment operator, CSSD-35. "It was a great learning experience."

In addition to learning how various sections and units work together to accomplish a mission, the exercise also gave many Marines the chance to put their Military Occupational Specialty skills into action.

"The best part was the opportunity for the field experience," said Russell. "I have never had the opportunity to set up all the equipment and facilities we offered (such as showers and drinking water).

"I've worked with individual pieces of the equipment, but never with all of [them]," Russell added.

Because many of the Marines never lived on a ship or worked with the Navy in an exercise, many found the experience invaluable.

"The opportunity to work with the Navy and do an amphibious assault was great — we don't ever get to do that in Hawaii," said Maj. Christian G. Cabaniss, operations officer, 1/3. "It was a great opportunity for us to work with our sister service because they are different. We have to relearn every once in a while that we are a sea service and part of the Navy/Marine Corps team. It is critical that we understand how they function."

Marines help Filipino school

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Combat Correspondent

TERNATE, Republic of the Philippines — Smiles lit up a school here for three days recently when United States Marines and Sailors from Okinawa, Japan, traded in their field gear for paintbrushes and thermometers.

United States servicemembers deployed to in Cavite, Republic of the Philippines, for exercise Balikatan 2000 spruced up the Sapang Elementary School with some paint and lumber. A group of U.S. Sailors and their Filipino counterparts then visited the school a third day to help the community through a Medical/Dental Civic Action Program.

It was a whirlwind of activity as approximately 80 servicemembers visited the school to paint classrooms and the roof of the building. Unlike many other community relations projects, this group also built two new structures, with the help of some combat engineers and funding through Balikatan 2000 exercise headquarters. The Marines and Sailors built the ceiling of a stage, to be used for graduations and ceremonies, and began construction on an awning for a walkway at the front of the school. The combat engineers also rewired the faulty electrical system in the school.

"On a deployment, we average anywhere from four to 15 community relations projects or more, depending on the amount of time we are in an area," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Wayne A. Johnson, religious program specialist 4th Marines. "However, we aren't normally able to do this much because we don't usually have combat engineers."

The community project drew Marines and Sailors from every section looking to do their part to help. Marines like Pfc. Adalberto Cobian, field radio operator, Headquarters and Service Company, 4th Marines, said they enjoyed giving their time to others and being able to help the community any way they could.

"It goes to show the community we are not just here to train," said Lance Cpl. Cesar M. Araujo, team leader, Machine gun Section, Company C, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines. "A little of your time is not too much to give. It gives you a wonderful sense of pride — probably the best thing you can feel."

Although the primary purpose of the visit was to improve the school, everyone involved agreed the best part of the project was visiting with the school children.

"We made a big impact," said Staff Sgt. Bonifacio T. Cadiz, detachment gunnery sergeant, Combat Service Support Detachment-35, 3rd Force Service Support Group. "They realize now that Americans are very friendly. The interaction with the children made the difference. They spent the day going from one servicemember to another and were so happy. I hope they remember us as ambassadors of good will."

"The interaction with the children was the best part," added Navy Lt. Cmdr. Jerry A. Waddell regimental chaplain, 4th Marines. "In the future, the children may remember we worked on their school, but they will remember the servicemembers much better."



NAVY LT. DAVID D. SCHILLING

Marines from Marine Air-Ground Task Force-4 paint a ceiling at Sapang Elementary School during exercise Balikatan 2000.

The smiles continued on the third day of assistance when U.S. and Republic of the Philippines medical and dental teams used the school as the site for a Civic Action Program.

The medical team, consisting of about 14 doctors and 10 hospitalmen, saw 2,600 patients, while the 12 dentists and 4 dental technicians helped 269 patients. Though it was only one day, the impact these servicemembers had was overwhelming.

"It wasn't much for us because we were offering basic care, but for them it was important," said Petty Officer 1st Class Joe M. Palmares, leading petty officer for the regimental aid station, 4th Marines. "It is a big thing for the local people here because of the high cost of medication and doctors."

Most people in the Republic of the Philippines have very little and cannot afford to pay for doctor visits or prescriptions, according to Navy Lt. j.g. Elizabeth N. Colina, officer in charge, CSSD-35, 3rd FSSG, medical unit.

Because medical attention and medications are so expensive here, many people wait until their health is in serious danger before they will spend the money

to see someone, according to Chief Ed M. Santa Maria, senior medical department representative, 4th Marines. He explained that he lost many friends and neighbors to simple things like diarrhea when his family lived in the Philippines.

People came from miles away to see the servicemembers here and receive basic medications at no charge, some of them traveling half a day and waiting for two hours to see a doctor.

"We saw a lot of children and provided routine care for a lot of people," said Colina. "All day long we heard 'God's blessings be with you' from everyone; they say that when they have nothing to give you to say thank you."

The Sailors were happy they could help so many.

"Our efforts made a tremendous difference for them," said Santa Maria, "but I would like to be able to offer things for long-term care, such as tetanus shots, eye glasses or immunizations."

"(Helping them) really put a smile on our faces," added Palmares. "They gave us a big smile on the way out and looked at us like we were some sort of kings. I hope we can come back and offer more."



LANCE CPL. SCOTT WHITTINGTON

Lance Cpl. Robert J. Estrada, hygiene equipment operator, Support Company, 9th Engineer Support Battalion, fires during the 2000 Far East Division Matches Championship.

Base team takes Far East Division Matches

Lance Cpl. Scott Whittington

Combat Correspondent

CAMP HANSEN — The Hansen Rifle Range hosted the 2000 Far East Division Matches Championship here recently.

The competition is one of four divisional matches throughout the Marine Corps each year as part of the Competition-in-Arms Program. The other three divisional matches are held in Camp Smith Hawaii, Camp Pendleton, Calif. and Camp Lejeune, N.C. The top 10 percent divisional match competitors compete in the Marine Corps Matches held in April and May each year at Camp Lejeune.

Marines from Marine Corps Base, Okinawa, Japan won the "Lloyd Trophy."

The Marines received the trophy for winning the rifle team match, with a total score of 1132 with 76 Vs or more center mass bulls eye. During the competition, if a competitor ties, the number of Vs in rifle scores or Xs in pistol is totaled. The larger total wins or is ranked higher. The maximum possible score for team rifle and pistol competition is 1200.

"If you place high or win a medal, you know you've accomplished a big task," said Sgt. Larry J. Arnold, Headquarters and Service Battalion, MCB.

Marines from 3rd Transportation Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group won the "Shively Trophy," for winning the pistol team match, with a total score of 1022 with 16 Xs or more center mass bulls eye.

Along with team competition were in-

dividual efforts. Competitors challenged themselves for a two-day contest. Staff Sgt. David K. Adkins, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, with a score of 569 with 17 Xs, won the individual pistol

match and Gunnery Sgt. Braulio A. Melendez, 3rd TSB, 3rd FSSG, took the individual rifle match with a score of 585 and 52 Vs. The awards were presented to the winning teams and individuals at the Hansen Theater here March 10.



LANCE CPL. SCOTT WHITTINGTON

(above) Gunnery Sgt. Denise De Bargo, Staff Sgt. Emerson L. Tate, Sgt. Larry J. Arnold, Gunnery Sgt. Juan Lopez and Capt. Richard D. Kulp from Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base, won the "Lloyd Trophy" during the 2000 Far East Division Matches championship. (not pictured: Master Sgt. Jack B. Pursel, team coach)

(left) Under the watchful eye of his coach, 2nd Lt. Ryan E. Scott, assistant officer in charge, engineer operations, Marine Wing Support Squadron-172, fires down range with his last shot from the 500-yard mark.



LANCE CPL. SCOTT WHITTINGTON



LANCE CPL. BRIAN V. COX



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(above) Lance Cpl. Lucas V. Wernecke, Landing Support Company, 3rd Transportation Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, gets help in applying camouflage paint. He is preparing for an exercise against the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. This training was held at Landing Zone Dodo, Camp Hansen.

(left) Pfc. Jorge R. Martinez, from Landing Support Company, 3rd Transportation Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, plays the role as an aggressor against the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Red patchers assault Combat Town



LANCE CPL. BRIAN V. COX

Cpl. Sarah J. Pline, (left) Landing Support Company, 3rd Transportation Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, prepares to enter a building in Combat Town, during Military Operations in Urban Terrain training.



LANCE CPL. BRIAN V. COX

Marines from Landing Support Company, 3rd Transportation Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group run through the jungle near Combat Town before storming buildings during Military Operations in Urban Terrain training.



LANCE CPL. BRIAN V. COX

Cpl. Sarah J. Pline leads Marines from Landing Support Company, 3rd Transportation Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, into a building in Combat Town.

The Marketplace



Automobiles/ motorcycles

1991 Nissan Bluebird — JCI Mar 02, \$1,900 OBO. (W) 622-9363, (H) 622-8407.

1992 Nissan Presea — JCI Oct 01, \$2,000 OBO. 622-6466.

1990 Nissan Skyline — JCI Mar 02, \$2,000 OBO. Dean, 623-5282.

1990 Honda Civic Sedan — JCI Sep 01, \$1,800 OBO. 633-7371.

1988 Subaru E-KG1 — JCI May 00, \$500. Sgt. Lucena, 623-6349.

1986 Nissan Auster — JCI Mar 01, \$600. Cpl. Parks, 623-5936.

1989 Toyota Cresta — JCI Feb 02, \$2,500 OBO. Dawn, 936-2101 or 646-6525.

1989 Nissan Terrano — \$3,500 OBO. Lauriee, 932-1856 and leave message.

1986 Honda Prelude — Make offer. Chief, 623-7106.

1993 Honda Civic — JCI Jun 01, \$2,500 OBO. 622-8132.

1994 Mazda MS8 — JCI Aug 01, \$9,500 OBO. Mike, (H) 646-6009 or 090-82-92-7033.

1988 Honda Prelude — JCI Mar 02, \$1,500 OBO. SSgt. Young, 636-4840.

1989 Nissan Skyline GTS — JCI Sep 00, \$2,000. Sandee, 632-7788 or 633-6702.

Suzuki GSXR 750 — \$2,200 w/helmet and cover. 646-8713.

1992 Toyota Supra — JCI Sep 01, \$2,700. Jim, 645-2508 or 645-3860.

1989 Toyota Master Ace Van — JCI May 01, \$2,700 OBO. **1987 Toyota Hi Ace Van** — JCI May 01, \$500. 646-4622

1987 Mitsubishi Gallant — JCI Jun 00, \$500 OBO. 646-8934.

1992 Suzuki Cappucino — JCI May 01. 930-0393

1989 Honda Concerto — JCI Mar 01, \$1,700 OBO. Rick, 632-3464 or 090-19-46-4470.

1987 Toyota Trueno — JCI Dec 00, \$1,200 OBO; **1999 Toyota High Ace Van** — JCI Aug 01, \$2,500 OBO. Fred, 622-8419.

1987 Toyota Trueno — JCI Oct 00, \$800 OBO. Scott, 637-0083.

1987 Honda Civic — JCI Jan 01, \$1,350 OBO. 633-2944.



Miscellaneous

Computer Desk — Large wooden desk with shelves, bulletin board and file drawers, \$80. 646-2503.

Twin bed and mattress — White metal headboard and footboard, \$60 OBO. 633-0799.

FTGH — 6-month-old Oki mutt, spayed and all shots are current. 622-8653.

Misc. — Baht jewelry; hatchback speaker; DBX sound processor; DBX subharmonic synthesizer; DBX range expander; DBX BX# amplifier 120 W; DBX preamplifier CX#; Onkyo Integra Tuner, transformers. 930-0393

Misc. — Weight set and bench, \$150; cappuccino machine, \$50; electric typewriter, \$50; bike rack for car, \$10. 633-7100.

Dog kennel — Airline approved, never used, collapsible, \$50. 622-8437.

Misc. — Lawn Mower, \$150; gas weed wacker, \$50; 13'x11' almond high-quality plush carpet, \$75; '95 Bridgestone on/off road bike, \$100. 633-7371.

Misc. — Black leather high-back arm chair, \$200; Hamster w/cage, food and toys, FTGH. 622-6466.

Misc. — 12' trampoline, \$70 OBO; full size bed, Batman design, \$50 w/o mattress or \$75 w/mattress; Super Nintendo game console, two controllers, six games, \$50 OBO. (W) 622-9363, (H) 622-8407.

Furniture — Solid oak dining room table and 8 chairs, \$1,200; solid pine entertainment center, accommodates 36" TV and stereo, \$200. 633-7371.

Misc. — Pentium II 266 computer, 56k Modem, CD ROM, color printer, soundcard, speakers, keyboard, mouse, \$500. 637-3969 after 6 p.m.

75-foot fence w/gate — approved for base housing, \$500. 622-8437.

Misc. — Scuba gear: two sets, each includes Seaquest BC size M, Sherwood regulator, weight belt, mask w/snorkel, fins and large carrying bag, \$125 per set. Brian, 625-3405.

Graco compact stroller — reclines, two position handle and storage basket, \$40. 622-8441.

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Butler (645-3465)

Fri Pacific Okinawa Players
Production 7:00

Sat Pacific Okinawa Players
Production 7:00

Sun Pacific Okinawa Players
Production 3:00

Mon Man on the Moon (R); 7:00

Tue Duece Bigalow Male
Gigolo (R); 7:00

Wed Duece Bigalow Male
Gigolo (R); 7:00

Thu Light it Up (R); 7:00

Courtney (622-9616)

Fri Flawless (R); 7:00

Sat Anna and the King (PG13);
7:00

Sun Bone Collector (R); 7:00

Mon Closed

Tue Closed

Wed Toy Story 2 (G); 7:00

Thu Closed

Futenma (636-3890)

Fri Flawless (R); 7:30

Sat Anna and the King (PG13);
7:00

Sun Bone Collector (R); 7:30

Mon The Whole Nine Yards (R);
7:30

Tue Closed

Wed WonderBoys (R); 7:30

Thu Closed

Hansen (623-4564)

Fri The Beach (R); 6:30, 9:30

Sat The Beach (R); 6:30, 9:30

Sun The Beach (R); 2:00

Sun Man on the Moon (R); 5:30,
8:30

Mon Man on the Moon (R);7:00

Tue Light it up (R); 7:00

Wed Duece Bigalow Male
Gigolo (R); 7:00

Thu Duece Bigalow Male
Gigolo (R); 7:00

Keystone (634-1869)

Fri The Whole Nine Yards (R);
6:30, 9:30

Sat Toy Story 2 (G); 1:00

Sat The Whole Nine Yards (R);
4:30, 9:00

Sun Toy Story 2 (G); 2:00

Sun Man on the Moon (R); 5:00,
8:30

Mon Man on the Moon (R); 7:00

Tue Duece Bigalow Male
Gigolo (R); 7:00

Wed Duece Bigalow Male
Gigolo (R); 7:00

Thur WonderBoys (R); 7:00

Kinser (637-2177)

Fri Dogma (R); 7:00

Sat Toy Story 2 (G); 3:00

Sat Man on the Moon (R); 7:00,
11:30

Sun Duece Bigalow Male
Gigolo (R); 7:00

Mon Closed

Tue Light it up (R); 7:00

Wed Man on the Moon (R); 7:00

Thu Duece Bigalow Male
Gigolo (R); 7:00

Schwab (625-2333)

Fri Flawless (R); 7:00

Sat Anna and the King (PG13);
6:00, 9:00

Sun Flawless (R); 7:00

Mon Anna and the King (PG13);
7:00

Tue Bone Collector (R); 7:00

Wed Bone Collector (R); 7:00

Thu Dogma (R); 7:00